



AAAS and LANL announce 2010 Fellows

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Washington D.C., January 11, 2011—William S. Rees, Jr. of Los Alamos National Laboratory has been awarded the distinction of American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Fellow.

As part of the Chemistry section, Rees was elected as an AAAS Fellow for scientific and educational contributions to the field of materials chemistry, and for sustained policy contributions leading to enhancements in national security basic research. Election as a Fellow is an honor bestowed upon AAAS members by their peers.

This year, 503 members have been awarded this honor by AAAS because of their scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications. New Fellows will be presented with an official certificate and a gold and blue (representing science and engineering, respectively) rosette pin on Saturday, February 19, 2011 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the AAAS Fellows Forum during the 2011 AAAS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

This year's AAAS Fellows will be announced in the AAAS News & Notes section of the journal *Science* on January 28, 2011.

Rees is the principal associate director for global security at Los Alamos, leading an organization of more than 1,000 staff members in the fields of nuclear nonproliferation, space science, nuclear event response, intelligence, defense and homeland security technologies, computer modeling, and computer simulation of critical infrastructure. Coming to Los Alamos in 2009 from key leadership positions in institutions that include the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate, and Georgia Institute of Technology, Rees was the U.S. science and technology lead to NATO and the U.S. principal on the NATO Research and Technology Board. At the Pentagon, as deputy under secretary of defense for Laboratories and Basic Sciences, Rees was responsible for providing scientific leadership, management oversight, policy guidance and coordination of the more than \$1.8 billion annual Basic Research (6.1) programs of the Military Services and Defense Agencies.

In addition, at OSD Rees was responsible for Defense Laboratories policy for a workforce of >45,000 scientists and engineers, international S&T programs, DoD Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education and workforce issues.

For more than a decade prior to entering federal service, Rees was a full professor and director of the Molecular Design Institute at Georgia Tech, where he mentored 23 undergraduate research students, 19 graduate research students, and 20 postdoctoral fellows.

The tradition of AAAS Fellows began in 1874. Los Alamos National Laboratory staff has included more than 30 AAAS Fellows as of 2011.

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